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Ex Parte Presentation

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, **S.W**. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Application by SBC Communications Inc., et al.for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Michigan, WC Docket No. 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch:

SBC filed its application for section 271 relief in Michigan on January 16,2003. On that date, we believed that we had fully satisfied the statutory requirements for this Commission to grant the application. We continue to believe so today. During the course of this 90-day proceeding, however, the Commission Staff has raised a few questions that SBC simply needs more time to answer. For this reason, SBC hereby withdraws its application so that we might have sufficient time to respond. When it re-files its application for Michigan, SBC will provide this additional information, as well as updated information necessary to demonstrate SBC's continued compliance with the requirements of section 271.

In accordance with this Commission's rules governing ex parte communications, I am filing an original and two copies of this letter, Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

James C. Smith

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